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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, for one month from October 29, 2003, to November 29, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is attached hereto to cover the cost of the extension. Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

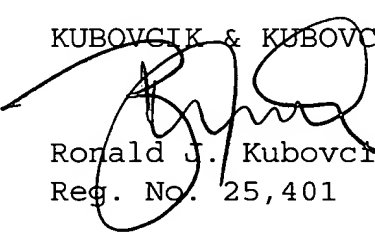
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